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1. "A new system of training radio and press correspondents was introduced in the Ukrainian SSR on 1 April 1953.
2. "Until that date there were two authorities training such correspondents: the Communist Party and the Army. The Party authorities, i.e. the OBKOM (Oblast Committee), were training press and radio correspondents for radio relay stations (RADIOUZLI). The training was carried out at Oblast and Rayon Party Schools (OBLPARTSHKOLA and RAYPARTSHKOLA). Radio operators were trained in courses organized by the Republican Radio Committee (Repradiokomitet). The Army authorities trained cadres of 'radio-operators' for provincial 'radio control points' (RADIOKONTROLNYYE PUNKTY). The training was conducted through the Radio Clubs of the DOSAAVF (Voluntary Society for Assistance to the Armed Forces).
3. "According to the new regulations issued 1 April 1953 by (fnu) Nazarenko, Chief of the Prop-Agit Department of the Central Committee of the CP of the Ukrainian SSR in Kiev, new centers are being created for the training of both press and radio correspondents. These new centers are called Press and Radio Training Centers. The trainees, chosen from among Komsomol members, will receive both technical and political training. The selection of candidates is conducted exclusively by Party authorities. Only those Komsomol members who have been already trained at DOSAAVF radio clubs are excluded from this Party control and transferred to the jurisdiction of the Army.
4. "The new training centers will accommodate approximately 12,000 Komsomols from town and provincial Komsomol cadres.
5. "In May 1953 a special graduate radio course was scheduled to open in Kiev at the Central Committee of the Komsomol, to train specially selected Komsomol members for service abroad. This course will be attended by about 50 Komsomols, all of whom have graduated from the Institute of Foreign Languages. After they have finished this course, they will be sent as radio correspondents to various Cominform countries, to Western Europe and to the US."

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